



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Ristic, et al.
SERIAL NO : 09/810,764
FILED : March 16, 2001
TITLE : MAIZE CHLOROPLAST PROTEIN SYNTHESIS ELONGATION
FACTORS AND METHODS OF USE FOR SAME

Grp./A.U. : 1646
Conf. No. : 7108
Docket No. : P03965US1

**PETITION TO ACCEPT A DELAYED CLAIM
FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
BOX PETITION
2900 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202-3513

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, to accept a claim for priority for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from provisional application Serial No. 60/203,204 filed May 11, 2000.

Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) or (a)(5) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional; and that this petition is being filed during the pendency of the above-identified application.

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Heidi S. Nebel

Attached is a check in the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the surcharge fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). Please consider this a request to charge any additional fees inadvertently omitted, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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